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SI 17-003

Sheriff Bob Johnson

## CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORT

Nature of Complaint: Discrimination/Prejudice Date of Incident: 12-21-16

Location of Incident: Parkmore Plaza, Milton, FL 32583

Member(s) Involved: Officer Ramirez, Officer D. Miller, Sgt. Murphy

Complainant: Derrick Arnold Date of Birth: 8-29-81

Address: 4603 Bridgedale Rd. Pensacola, FL 32505 Telephone #: (850) 791-6262

Summary: I am filing this report because of the bias and prejudice shown to me by the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Department and specifically Officer Ramirez, Officer D. Miller, Sgt. Murphy. Officer Ramirez and myself have a history that dates back to September 2015 when I filed a grievance on him for unreasonable/excessive force, while he was a correctional officer at Santa Rosa County jail. Officer Ramirez never wrote a Disciplinary report on me when he was a correctional officer to indicate I was a problem. Because of the grievance I feel I have been targeted by this officer. On December 21st of 2016 I was in a vehicle that was involved in a traffic stop where I was singled out and arrested by Officer Ramirez. During the traffic stop the driver and owner of the vehicle not only admitted but provided a sworn statement that he drove to Escambia County to purchase a "big crack rock" and traffic said narcotics back to Santa Rosa County. No crack cocaine was found on my person yet I was arrested when the driver admitted to going to take me to purchase crack which I stated I had no knowledge of any illegal activities. The police report states that a small amount crack cocaine was found on the floorboard of the vehicle yet officer Ramirez chose to arrest me and let the owner and driver of vehicle who admitted to committing a crime go with no charges. The arresting officer also failed to note in the police

I hereby swear and affirm that the above and all attached statements and/or documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have fully read and understand the attached Florida State Statute § 112.533 regarding the Receipt and Processing of Complaints. Specifically, I acknowledge that until this investigation is completed, I am not to discuss my complaint with anyone other than the Deputy assigned to investigate my complaint or my legal representative.

Complainant's Signature: Derrick Arnold  
Printed name: Derrick Arnold

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
16 day of Feb 2017.

Notary Signature

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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report that he field test or weigh the said crack cocaine instead rushed to file charges against me. I believe the information in this report substantially proves bias and prejudice against me Derrick Jerome Arnold by Officer Ramirez, Officer D. Miller, Sgt. Murphy. In the police report officer Ramirez clearly stated that he searched me and did not locate anything on my person. Also I must note that Sgt. Murphy was the Sgt. in charge and present in all my arrest by Officer Ramirez. On 1-25-2017 Sgt. Murphy came to interview me about my earlier complaint forms. I feel that Sgt. Murphy shouldn't be investigating any of my complaints being that he was present during all my arrest and authorized the arrest and the negligence by these officers.

112.533 Receipt and processing of complaints.--

- (1) Every law enforcement agency and correctional agency shall establish and put into operation a system for the receipt, investigation, and determination of complaints received by such agency from any person.
- (2) (a) A complaint filed against a law enforcement deputy or detention deputy with a law enforcement agency or correctional agency and all information obtained pursuant to the investigation by the

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agency of such complaint shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the investigation ceases to be active, or until the agency head or the agency head's designee provides written notice to the deputy who is the subject of the complaint, either personally or by mail, that the agency has either:

1. Concluded the investigation with a finding not to proceed with disciplinary action or to file charges; or
2. Concluded the investigation with a finding to proceed with disciplinary action or to file charges.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the deputy who is the subject of the complaint may review the complaint and all statements regardless of form made by the complainant and witnesses immediately prior to the beginning of the investigative interview. If a witness to a complaint is incarcerated in a correctional facility and may be under the supervision of, or have contact with, the deputy under investigation, only the names and written statements of the complainant and no incarcerated witnesses may be reviewed by the deputy under investigation immediately prior to the beginning of the investigative interview.

(b) This subsection does not apply to any public record which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Fla. Stat. 119.07(3). For the purposes of this subsection, an investigation shall be considered active as long as it is continuing with a reasonable, good faith anticipation that an administrative finding will be made in the foreseeable future. An investigation shall be presumed to be inactive if no finding is made within 45 days after the complaint is filed.

(c) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the complaint and information shall be available to law enforcement agencies, correctional agencies, and state attorneys in the conduct of a lawful criminal investigation.

(3) A law enforcement deputy or detention deputy has the right to review his or her official personnel file at any reasonable time under the supervision of the designated records custodian. A law enforcement deputy or detention deputy may attach to the file a concise statement in response to any items included in the file identified by the deputy as derogatory, and copies of such items must be made available to the deputy.

(4) Any person who is a participant in an internal investigation, including the complainant, the subject of the investigation, the investigator conducting the investigation, and any witnesses in the investigation, who willfully discloses any information obtained pursuant to the agency's investigation, including, but not limited to, the identity of the deputy under investigation, the nature of the questions asked, information revealed, or documents furnished in connection with a confidential internal investigation of an agency, before such complaint, document, action, or proceeding becomes a public record as provided in this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in F.S.S. 775.082 or F.S.S. 775.083. However, this subsection does not limit a law enforcement or detention deputy's ability to gain access to information under paragraph (2)(a). Additionally, a sheriff, police chief, or other head of a law enforcement agency, or his or her designee, is not precluded by this section from acknowledging the existence of a complaint and the fact that an investigation is underway.

History.— F.S.S. 3, ch. 74-274; F.S.S. 3, ch. 82-156; F.S.S. 1, ch. 82-405; F.S.S. 1, ch. 83-136; F.S.S. 1, ch. 87-59; F.S.S. 2, ch. 89-223; F.S.S. 1, ch. 90-32; F.S.S. 31, ch. 90-360; F.S.S. 3, ch. 93-19; F.S.S. 722, ch. 95-147; F.S.S. 39, ch. 96-406; F.S.S. 2, ch. 98-249; F.S.S. 2, ch. 2000-184.